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[50. A product of a nucleic acid amplification process comprising the signal primer of claim 43 hybridized to an extension product of a nucleic acid amplification primer.]

<u>REMARKS</u>

Although the undersigned maintains that the previous responses dated April 4, 2001, and October 5, 2001, were in proper form, in order to expedite prosecution, the above claims are presented in the form requested by the Examiner during a telephone conference on January 17, 2002.

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